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SUBJECT: ACTIONS ON LEBANON: UN MISSION

REF: SECTO 9038

1. BY SEPTTEL WE HAVE SENT INSTRUCTIONS TO APPROPRIATE MISSIONS IN ACCORDANCE WITH REFTTEL. WE ARE URGENTLY CONSIDERING SUGGESTIONS CONTAINED PARAS. 5 AND 6 OF SECTO 9038.

2. WE WILL TRY TO DISCUSS PROBLEM WITH FRENCH AMBASSADOR
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ON AUGUST 9. AMBASSADOR TUEINI WILL BE VISITING WASHINGTON AUGUST 9-10. IN ADDITION TO HIS DEPARTMENT MEETINGS ON THE 9TH, WILL SET ASIDE MEETING TIME FOR SAUNDERS ON THE 10TH. TRICKY ISSUE OF WORKING THROUGH THE SUPPORTERS OF CHRISTIANS IN THE U.S. HAS BEGUN, BUT THERE ARE PITFALLS. NAAA, WHICH IS VIEWED AS MORE CONCERNED WITH PALESTINIANS THAN WITH LEBANESE, HAS CANCELLED ITS TRIP

TO AREA BECAUSE OF SECURITY CONDITIONS IN BEIRUT, AND THIS CANCELLATION WILL UNDOUBTEDLY EXCITE SYRIAN SUSPICIONS THAT THE U.S. HAD POLITICAL CONSIDERATIONS BEHIND ITS ADVICE ON SECURITY CONDITIONS. WE BRIEFED LEBANESE AMERICAN CONGRESSMEN, FOR WHICH THEY APPEARED EXTREMELY GRATEFUL AND WILL KEEP UP THE CONTACTS.

3. RE YOUR SUGGESTION OF A SPECIAL MISSION FROM NEW YORK, WE AND USUN ARE CONSULTING URGENTLY AND WILL BE IN TOUCH WITH YOU FURTHER. WE ARE INCLINED TO DOUBT THAT A VISIT TO THE AREA BY WALDHEIM (WHO IS IN EUROPE) WOULD BE FEASIBLE OR DESIRABLE FOR NOW. WE WOULD CONSIDER URGING THAT URQUHART BE SENT, BUT BELIEVE HE WOULD BE RELUCTANT; THIS MIGHT RAISE POSSIBILITY THAT GUYER OR ANOTHER LESS THAN SATISFACTORY UN REP MIGHT GO. WE WOULD NOT WANT TO EXCLUDE POSSIBILITY THAT SYG MIGHT SEND BUFFUM, OR PERHAPS SOME PERSONAGE SUCH AS COUVE DE MURVILLE. CHRISTOPHER

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